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In re Application of: MITARAI et al.  
Application No. 10/580,327  
Filed: June 28, 2007  
For: CODING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

DECISION ON REQUEST TO  
PARTICIPATE IN PATENT  
PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT  
PROGRAM AND PETITION TO  
MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR  
1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 25, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in

the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at, 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at <http://www.uspto.gov/eac/index.html>.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.



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